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the 457 deferred compensation plans available to more employees. That's desirable. There's no employee match in most of the 450...in any of the 457 plans, it is simply a fringe benefit that we can extend to the employees. There's a definition of a five-year break in creditable service, again that's necessary for the plans so that we can tell if you've been out of a system for five years, you come back in to the plans, we're going to treat you as a new employee. There's a definition of creditable service, because there was always a problem of telling whether years of service was creditable service and whether or not you were going to have benefits extended on that basis. It includes a definition of "regular interest", so that we know how much fund...what dollar amounts to credit to an account based on earnings of the retirement system in a given year. There was a problem with the old definition that was in the statutes. There are provisions in the bill that deal with Class V school system retirement systems, we only have one, that is OPS. To show you the length that we are going to, to make the retirement systems clean, we are adding an apostrophe to the name of that system so that the bankers and other folks know exactly which system we're talking about. We are making clear that that is a separate system, that is separate from any other retirement system in the state of Nebraska. We are providing for the purchase of creditable service in that plan, and we are providing some additional latitude for investments in that plan. I think those are the major highlights of the bill itself. There is a committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. You would now be recognized to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes. The committee amendment simply addresses that issue of when you have a termination of service, we've got a process in there whereby the employers have to notify PERB that someone has been discharged, so that we can begin calculating the break in service. And I think that is the major change that you see, although it is a lengthy amendment. The other portion of the amendment deals with the...if you have withdrawn from the system and you come back into the system and you want to repurchase creditable service, you can do that. You make contributions in the ratio in which you are buying back into the system. Those are the provisions, the salient